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# In a league of his own

**MILESTONE I**  
HEATHER KENNETT

HALF a century after rolling along to his first tenpin bowling game, **Brian Jordan** still hooks them down the lanes.

Jordan, 69, has become Australia's first bowler to play for 50 years in the same tenpin team in the same league.

The Wynn Vale resident joined the Norwood-based 1808 team in 1961 as a fill-in.

Decades later he is the last man standing.

"I counted it the other day - 51 different bowlers have bowled for the team," Jordan says.

"I'm the captain now - the rest have died so I've inherited it."

Jordan's five-man team bowls in the Amflite League at the Norwood AMF Bowling Centre every Tuesday.

The team proudly bears the name of the same sponsor, Davroe hair-dressing products, that supplied its uniforms for its 1961 inaugural season.

Jordan averages 175 a game "and that's not too bad for an old bloke".

But he is yet to achieve tenpin's nirvana - bowling 12 strikes in a row for a perfect score of 300.

"It's always in the back of my mind," he said.

"If I start with three or four strikes in a row, you think you might get lucky."

"But in the 50 years of the league we've only had two bowlers bowl a perfect game."

He reckons he is far from finished.

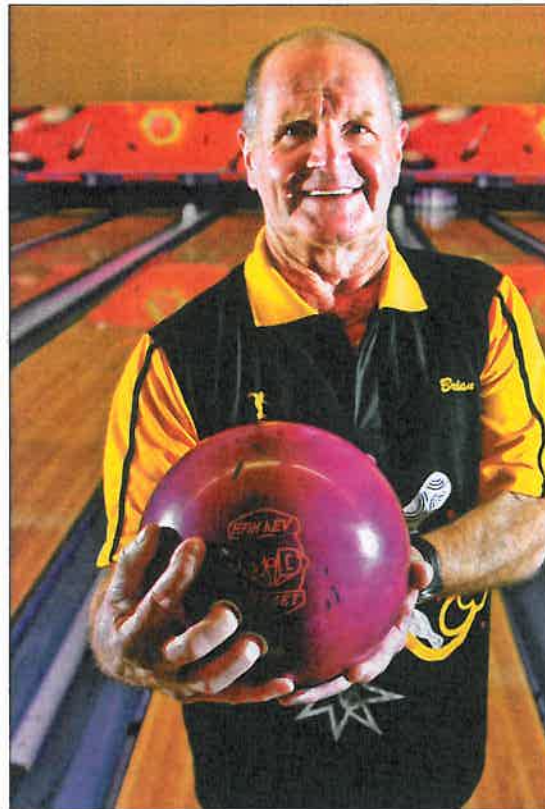
"The ball weighs up to 16 pounds (7.25kg), I have three games a week, I think it's reasonably good exercise."

"You have your good and bad days, but there's always another day."

"It's a social night, but we still try to do our best."

"There's good camaraderie, I've got great teammates, so I'll keep bowling for as long as I can - while I'm still alive anyway."

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**ANNIVERSARY:** Norwood bowler Brian Jordan has been playing in the same team in the same league for 50 years. Picture: Helen Orr

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## COUNCIL KEEPS CLAIM SECRET

BURNSIDE Council has voted to keep secret the details of a former councillor's request for the reimbursement of private legal costs. The matter was first considered by the previous council at a meeting in June last year. Elected members agreed to keep details of the matter confidential for a further two years at Burnside's June 14 meeting, on the grounds that releasing the information would constitute the "unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs".

## ALFRESCO DINING PLAN REFUSED

A PLAN by Dulwich's GG's Continental Coffee Bar to add outdoor tables has been rejected by Burnside Council's Development Assessment Panel. The panel said the proposal for an extra three tables and 11 seats was likely to "interfere with adjacent shops and land uses", have an "adverse impact on adjacent residential areas" and "exacerbate existing parking demand problems".

## SENIOR CITIZENS TO GET VERANDA

MAGILL Senior Citizens will get a new veranda and storage shed at their hall. Campbelltown Council voted to go ahead with the \$20,000 project after 60 of the 63 received submissions were in favour of putting up a veranda and shed on the western side of the St Bernard's Rd hall. The project will include new paving.

## NEW FACE AT MAINSTREET SA

MARAS Group managing director Steve Maras has been appointed to the Mainstreet SA Committee. An offshoot of Mainstreet Australia, the group provides support to people and organisations working in traditional shopping precincts. Mr Maras joins chairwoman Julie Wröbel, treasurer Skana Gallery and secretary Sue McKenzie.

## Disability access targeted in Unley Pool upgrade

MORE than \$50,000 will be spent by Unley Council in the next financial year to ensure it remains disability friendly.

The money needs to be spent to ensure the council complies with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Most of the money - \$42,500 - will

be spent on the Unley Swimming Centre. "It will make our centre more accessible, not just for people with a disability, but also for mums with prams," pool manager Nathan Byles said.

"The gates into the centre will be automated instead of people having

to manually open the latch to get in, which will mean easy access in and out of the centre for everyone."

In the next year about \$6000 is set to be spent on the Fullarton Park Centre, while \$4200 is to make Unley's website more user friendly.

Unley general manager of city de-

velopment Peter Tsokas said the current disability plan, devised in 1997, needed updating.

"We have reviewed the previous plan to see what parts are relevant, updated and improved it to make it more relevant given the community expectations," Mr Tsokas said.

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